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SUBJ: VISIT OF FNCB ADVISOR SHAKER DURRANI

REF: STATE 097882

PLS PASS FOLLOWING MSG TO BRIAN COOKE, SENIOR VP OF WORLD
AIRWAYS:

QUOTE DURING RECENT VISIT OF CITY CORP ADVISOR DURRANI, WE
HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS FUTURE BUSINESS POSSIBILITIES
FOR WORLD AIRWAYS IN LOWER GULF GENERALLY, AND IN UAE
PARTICULARLY. UNDERSTAND THAT DURRANI PLANNING EITHER BRIEF
YOU UPON HIS RETURN OR CABLIG HIS ADVICE.

WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT MR. WILFRID HILL, WHO SERVED AS GENMGR
OF AL RUBAYA' AND SONS, WORLD AIRWAYS AGENT IN ABU DHABI, DIED
SUDDENLY FEW WEEKS AGO OF HEART ATTACK. HILL WAS BURIED LOCALLY.
YOU OR MR. DALY MAY WISH TO SEND APPROPRIATE CONDOLENCE MSG TO
MOHAMMAD AL-RUBAYA'. HILL'S PASSING OF COURSE LEAVES RUBAYA IN
TEMPORARILY WEAK POSITION WITH RESPECT TO ITS FOREIGN REPRESENTATION
RESPONSIBILITIES. WE BELIEVE THAT MOHAMMAD
RUBAYA COGNIZANT OF THE NEED TO FILL THE GENERAL MGR POSITION
SOONEST WITH A COMPETENT AND EXPERIENCED MAN. EMB HAS HEARD
BUT UNABLE VERIFY YET THAT RUBAYA HIRING ANOTHER BRITISH MANAGER,
WHO NOW WORKING IN SAUDI ARABIA.

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FYI: BOTH MYSELF AND MR HOWELL, CHIEF ECON SECTION, DEPARTING

POST ON TRANSFER IN COMING FEW WEEKS. SHOULD YOU OR
ONE OF YOUR COLLEAGUES BE VISITING THE AREA SOON, OR IF
COMPANY WISHES COMMUNICATE WITH EMB RE FUTURE BUSINESS
PROSPECTS, POINT OF CONTACT AT EMBASSY SHOULD BE COMMERCIAL
OFFICER JOHN LIMBERT.
GRIFFIN

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